

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A process for bottling a fluid comprising the steps of:
extrusion-blow-moulding a plurality of thin-walled and non-gas-tight bottle-bodies, each bottle-body having ~~an~~ a top-located open-mouth;

filling each of said bottle-bodies with a fluid through said open-mouth of each of said bottle-bodies;

fitting to each fluid-filled bottle-body an injection-moulded neck-and-cap-assembly having ~~a~~ an intermediate-located neck that is covered by a foil, having an open top portion to which a resealable injection-moulded cap is removably secured, and having ~~a~~ an open bottom portion ~~base~~ that is sized to correspond to said open-mouth of each fluid-filled bottle-body, ~~to each fluid-filled bottle-body~~; and

heat sealing each bottle-body to said foil of each neck-and-cap-assembly.

Claim 13 (previously added): A process as claimed in claim 12 including the step of sterilizing said foil prior to said fitting step.

Claim 14 (previously added): A process as claimed in claim 12 wherein said bottle-bodies are extrusion-blow-moulded using a rotary machine having a series of moulds adapted to pass beneath a single die-head for the supply of a predetermined amount of plastic material to form a parison for each of said moulds, which parison is subsequently inflated to form a bottle-body.

Claim 15 (previously added): A process as claimed in claim 14 wherein each bottle-body leaving a mould is passed directly to a fluid-filling station.

Claim 16 (new): A thin walled plastic bottle assembly, comprising:

an extrusion-blow-moulded and non-gas-tight bottle-body having a top-disposed open mouth for receiving a liquid;

an injection-moulded neck-assembly having an open top portion and having an open bottom portion fused to said bottle-body so as to surround said open mouth after said bottle-body has been filled with a fluid;

a tearable sealing foil bonded between said neck-assembly and said open mouth so as to seal said open mouth until such time as said foil is torn; and

a resealable injection moulded cap fitted to said top portion of said neck-assembly to provide a leak-free and resealable closure for said bottle-body after said foil has been torn.